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A day to remember

Holiday pays tribute to those who have served our country

Veterans Day gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans. However, most Americans confuse this holiday with Memorial Day, which specifically commemorates those who died while in service of their country and made the ultimate sacrifice.

What's more, some Americans don't know why veterans are commemorated on Nov. 11, although in recent years it has become "politically correct" to say to veterans, as well as to frontline workers, "thank you for your service.'

But what does it mean when we thank veterans for their service? Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day, which became a national holiday beginning in 1938, pays tribute to all American veterans - living or dead - but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

As for the date the holiday is observed, we celebrate veterans on Nov. 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I.

Veterans Day evolved from Armistice Day, which was proclaimed in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson. Armistice Day recognized the end of World War I when hostilities ceased on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m., 1918, the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month. That date is now Veterans Day.

What do you need to know about celebrating Veterans Day? Here's some more information.

Is Veterans Day on the same day every year?

When first celebrated as Armistice Day, the day marked the end of World War I, formally recognized on the "11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month" in 1918.

Today we continue to celebrate the day as Veterans Day, still recognizing the original tie with Nov. 11. That means Veterans Day is on the same day every year - Nov. 11 -- regardless of on which day of the week it falls. When the date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, government officials or businesses may recognize it on both the official day and the following Monday.

Is Veterans Day a federal holiday?

Veterans Day is a federal holiday, a bank holiday and, in most states, a state holiday. That means that federal employees, including military members, are typically given the day off and, in most states, state workers are as well.

Whether Veterans Day is taken as a work holiday by companies is a business decision. Many companies choose to take off either Veterans Day or Columbus Day, which falls in October, but not both.

Do schools close on Veterans Day?

Many schools do close on Veterans Day, but whether they do so is typically not a one-size-fits-all decision. Public school holidays are set by the local school board, while private school holidays are set by private officials.

Veterans Day has extra meaning for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and all of our nation's veterans because 100 years ago, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the Great War - the war to end all wars - finally ended.

Even 100 years later, we reflect on the generations of men and women of America's Armed Forces who have demonstrated their willingness to put country before self; patriots who serve for the greater good and who don't seek glory or recognition or personal gain.

A day not meant for veterans alone, Veterans Day is a day for all Americans, because every citizen has a role in carrying the legacy and burden of freedom. Today, our nation honors the contributions of all of America's veterans - every soldier, sailor, airman, Marine and Coast Guardsman - who have selflessly answered our nation's call and gone on to serve in the name of liberty and justice.

Maintaining the strength of the American ideal requires courage, constant vigilance as well as sacrifice, and to every man and woman who has donned our nation's uniform, the more than 1.6 million members of the VFW and Auxiliary salute you for your service.

Canton tree ordinance is ruled 'unconstitutional'

Canton Township efforts to protect trees in the community have been sharply curtailed by a decision of the 6th U.S. Court of Appeals. The decision, handed down last month, affirms the early ruling of the U.S. District Court which determined that the township demand that a private company replace 160 felled trees or remit $48,000 to the township tree fund was unconstitutional.

The court agreed with an early ruling that the efforts of the township to control and protect trees on private property, "went too far." The original ruling by U.S. District Court Judge George Caram Steeh in 2020 found, "Here, the character of the government action is to require a private property owner to maintain the trees on its property for the benefit of the community at large. This is a burden that should be shared by the community as a whole.

> *This decision strips our local community of its power to protect valuable natural resources and develop responsibly.*

"The court finds that as applied to this plaintiff, the tree ordinance goes too far and is an unconstitutional regulatory taking."

The suit was filed by F.P. Development, a private signage company, which had removed nearly 160 trees while clearing a clogged county drainage ditch. That action, according to township officials, violated the township tree ordinance which requires a tree removal permit for any tree more than 6-inches in diameter at breast height. The ordinance stipulates that the trees must be replaced and those who remove the trees are also required to pay a fee into the township tree fund which was established for the preservation, planting and maintenance of trees in the community.

The Texas Public Policy Foundation has been representing F.P. Development in the legal challenge to the township ordinance. The group also represents Gary and Matt Percy, brothers who are also challenging the township tree ordinance through the federal courts. In preparing to start a Christmas tree farm on 16-acres near Belleville and Yost roads, the brothers reportedly cleared 1,500 trees. The township required, under the tree ordinance, that they pay nearly $450,000 into the tree fund for removal of the trees on the private property.

"Protecting Canton's natural resources is a shared community interest," stated Canton Township Supervisor Anne-

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Belleville - Sumpter - Romulus

Council OK's use permit at NorthPoint project

Romulus Councilwoman Virginia Williams cast the lone no vote on a rezoning request from NorthPoint Development during the Oct. 25 meeting.

NorthPoint, presently in the development stage of the 171-acre, multi-million-dollar Romulus Trade Center along the south side of Smith Road, the east side of Vining Road and north of Wick Road in the city, requested the special land use approval to allow a fueling station and convenience store, restaurant and car wash at the northeast corner of Wick and Vining roads.

Members of the Romulus Planning Commission approved the request at an earlier meeting and recommended approval of the Royal Farms convenience store and fueling station. During the Oct. 25 meeting, NorthPoint Economic Development Manager John Sweeney told the council that the developers were excited that the contract with Royal Point had been finalized and the facility would offer 24-hour services. He explained that the car wash and fueling station were included in the original plans for the development also approved by members of both the city council and the planning commission.

Williams, however, objected to the plan and the proposed Royal Farms.

"It's not a restaurant. Regardless of what the council approves, it's not what the public wants," she said. "What I'm looking for is a restaurant where you can go, sit down and eat. You're excited, the council is excited. I'm not," she stated emphatically.

> *This is not a perfect project, but it's something. I think it's the beginning of something taking place there.*

Williams said her comments were not a personal attack on Royal Farms but an expression of her concern for the best use of the site. "Competition is good for everyone but less than a mile away there is a Speedway. This will be in competition with Speedway and make their prices go up," she said.

"I don't agree with this. The city should have stayed at the bargaining table a little longer and got something the residents really wanted," she said. Williams asked how this will help residents noting that North Point claims the development will generate $38 million for the Romulus School District during the next 20 years but that there was no estimate of any benefit for the city.

Sweeney responded that the obvious answer would be the tax revenue from the development and the jobs the project would bring to the city. In negotiations with city officials, NorthPoint predicted 1,180 jobs, another 629 construction jobs, $55 million in real property to the city in addition to a projected $38 million for the school district. NorthPoint is also "making a "substantial investment in the city infrastructure," he said.

Councilman William Wadsworth asked if the car wash at Royal Farms was limited to passenger vehicles and was not for commercial trucks and Councilwoman Kathy Abdo asked Sweeney for assurance that there was to be no overnight parking for trucks at the Royal Farms location. Sweeney explained that the car wash was limited to passenger vehicles and that overnight parking was prohibited.

Wadsworth said that he felt, "This is not a perfect project, but it's something. I think it's the beginning of something taking place there."

Trucking company leases township hall parking spots

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved a new contract with Davey Trucking for parking in the lot adjacent to Township Hall.

According to officials, the new month-to-month contract will require the company to pay $1,500 each month to park up to six trucks in the township lot.

Trustee Tim Rush noted that the arrangement might have a benefit other than financial for the township as Davey is a subcontractor with DTE and having the trucks in the township "is going to help facilitate repair or maintenance of our infrastructure."

Rush said he felt this could be a major "positive" for the township.

Trustee Matt Oddy agreed noting that the trucks had been on township property and using the parking at no cost. He was concerned with some provisions of the contract regarding the number of trucks allowed on the property but Township Administrator Michelle Cole explained that the concerns had been addressed in contract revisions earlier that day.

> *According to officials, the new month-to-month contract will require the company to pay $1,500 each month.*

Trustee Peggy Morgan expressed concern that "when the trucks are in our lot is there a liability for the township when parked?" Oddy responded that the company was responsible for insurance on their vehicles. In addition, he said, the township already had a general liability insurance policy.

Trustees unanimously approved the new parking fee during the Oct. 26 Zoom meeting.

Applications for Goodfellows holiday help now available

Applications for assistance from the 2021 Belleville / Van Buren Township Goodfellows Christmas Food and Toy Distribution Program are now available.

Application forms are available 24/7 at the Van Buren Township Police Department front desk at 46425 Tyler Road in Van Buren Township.

Printable forms are also available online on the Van Buren Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org .

The program is open to City of Belleville and Van Buren Township residents only. Sumpter Township has a separate Goodfellows program.

Forms can be completed and immediately submitted at the police department or filled out off site and returned. Application forms can also be downloaded from the internet and then returned to the police department front desk.

Applicants must provide proof of residency such as a driver's license, state ID or current utility bill showing name and address.

Call-in, mail-in or e-mailed applications will not be accepted.

Applications for assistance will close at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3.

For more information or questions about the Goodfellows program, contact Pam Fleming at (734) 260-4150 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. weekdays.

Sumpter police sergeant completes command school

Sgt. Joseph Balowski

Sumpter Township Police Sgt. Joseph Balowski recently graduated from the prestigious Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command Leadership Program.

The intensive program consists of 350 hours of classroom instruction that requires out-of-class study, preparation of papers, projects, and examinations.

Balowski is an 11-year law enforcement veteran who joined the Sumpter department in 2013 and he was promoted to road patrol shift sergeant in 2019. In addition to his responsibilities as a sergeant, he is a Field Training Officer, taser instructor, firearms instructor and member of the Western Wayne Mobile Field Force team.

> *Balowski is an 11-year law enforcement veteran who joined the Sumpter department in 2013.*

Balowski graduated from Schoolcraft College in 2009 where he earned his associate degree in criminal justice and has continued his training and education by attending a multitude of specialized law enforcement training including those hosted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

Balowski said he values his faith and his family, all of whom are supportive of his law enforcement career. He and his wife, Jessica are the parents of one daughter, Ruth.

Balowski is the eighth member of the Sumpter Township department, joining six other active members, to complete the advanced program.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton will be holding a **Public Hearing regarding the adoption of the 2022 Budget** on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the first floor Board Meeting Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. A copy of the 2022 Budget will be available for public inspection at the Township's Clerk's office.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request. The meeting can also be accessed virtually via a Zoom link, which will be posted on the Canton Township Website at www.canton-mi.org. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 prior to the hearing date.

Michael A. Siegrist,
Canton Clerk

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TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER
FAIRGROUNDS DEMOLITION, DEBRIS & GRADING

The Township of Sumpter, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, is seeking sealed bids for DEMOLITION of specific structures, removal of debris and site grading. Photos of structures are available for review.

Specific structures;

FAIRGROUND BLEACHERS
FAIRGROUND OBSERVATION TOWER
FAIRGROUND FENCE
DECK SURROUND / PLATFORM **only** AT FIXED RESTROOM FACILITIES

Bids must include the following:

- Commercial Vehicle Insurance for all vehicles used.
- List of equipment to be used to complete the project.
- Employer Federal Tax I.D.
- Copy of Business License
- List of all drivers and their drivers' license numbers.
- General Liability Insurance naming Sumpter Township as an additional insured. To be provided also from each contractor, if subcontractors are used.
- Workers' compensation certificate if employees are used to provide service.
- Specify when you can begin and fully complete this demolition project.
- Bid documents available from the Clerk's Office at the Township address above or online from the Township Website at;

www.sumptertwp.org/DEPARTMENTS/CLERK'S OFFICE

- Sealed bids to be submitted to Township Clerk's Office by November 19, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Bids to be opened November 19, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

Esther Hurst, Clerk
(734) 461-6201

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CANTON

Township to host annual International Festival

Experience music, dance, and drama from around the world when the International Festival returns to Canton Township from 2 until 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13.

This annual cultural and educational festival which celebrates the diversity of Canton and surrounding communities through song and dance will take place on the main stage of The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

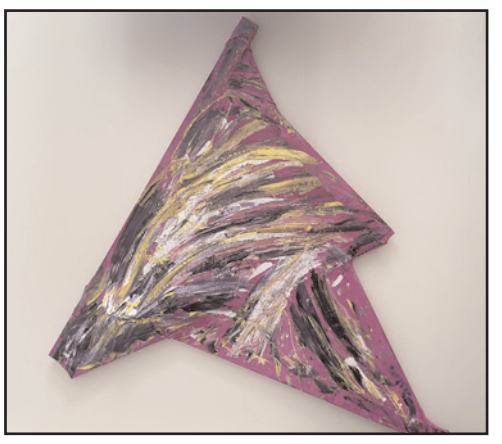
Featured performers this year include: Asian Indian Dance of Canton; Belly Dance and Ann Arbor LiRen Dance Team; Happy Dance Team; Hoaloha Polynesian Dance; Michigan Chinese Folk Dance Group; Pipa Instrumentalist; Sakura Japanese Instrumental Group; Sitar Instrumentalist; Troy Guzheng Team; Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan and Yangtze Melody Group.

Cultural displays, vendor tables, and an international sweets table offering treats from local stores and bakeries will be located in the lobby during the performance. This event is presented by the all-volunteer Multicultural Committee of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage.

Tickets are $5 per person at the door; cash only. Audience members can have their hand stamped and come and go as they please throughout the day. Seating for this main stage production is general admission.

For more information about the Canton International Festival, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

The Canton International Festival 2021, hosted by The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, will feature cultural performances from India, Japan, Italy, China, Polynesia, and more! (photos provided courtesy of Canton Village Theater).



Art show continues at Village Theatre

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will display the works of artist Ilham Badreddine Mahfouz in an exhibit, entitled "Inception", in the Gallery@VT through Nov. 29.

Mahfouz's current exhibit incorporates selections of work that address contrasts in relationship to colors, lines, and textures to achieve harmony in the final direction of her paintings.

"A color is a reflection of life; happy colors, sad colors, etc., which state emotions and feelings reflecting human conditions such as war, peace, tragedy, hope success, spirituality, harmony, love, hate, anger - a journey of life in composition, colors, and brush strokes," stated Mahouz. "I explored and charted on a space that conveys my subliminal human emotions which then transcends towards the viewer to interpret his or her own views through subconscious dialogue in colors."

> *Mahfouz is a Syrian-American artist residing in Michigan.*

Mahfouz is a Syrian-American artist residing in Michigan. She received her education from Eastern Michigan University obtaining her bachelor of fine arts in painting and ceramics with a minor in art history. Mahfouz has received several awards in her career and has had pieces displayed in exhibits and shows all across the globe. Awards she has received, include: the Legacy Award for 20 years of teaching art at the Pontiac Art Center; the Davenci Award from Italy; a Certificate of Appreciation from the Fantapia Museum in the Korea Republic and many more for her works. She is also the published author of her first book, Whispers from the East, which incorporates her artwork.

This exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. until noon Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday and from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday or by special appointment arranged via email to elli.fassois@canton-mi.org. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, MI, 48187.

Search for 'Bigfoot' to take place Saturday

Area residents who are looking to explore the great outdoors are invited to participate in a "Search for Bigfoot Hike" on the Lower Rouge Trail from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov.13.

There have been more than 200 supposed Bigfoot sightings in Michigan, and this free hike will be guided by a naturalist and noted "Bigfoot Expert" from the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. This will be a search for the 'World Hide-N-Seek Champion,' also known as Sasquatch.

"With fall in full swing, it's a great time to take a hike and take in the outdoor scenery," said Jennifer Girard, recreation specialist. "We're excited to offer this free, fun opportunity for participants to come and learn about Bigfoot and how these rumored creatures are able to remain so elusive by practicing 'Leave No Trace' outdoor tactics."

This family-friendly evening hike will include a walk-through of a short section of the Lower Rouge Trail, located off Morton Taylor Road, north of Michigan Avenue, as participants search for the elusive 'Big Guy' in Canton's own backyard.

Advance registration is required at: https://bit.ly/2WNYI2n. Participants are asked to bring their flashlights, bug spray, and sense of adventure to this tongue-in-cheek search, where one never knows who might show up.

For additional information about this free "Search for Bigfoot Hike," visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Trees

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Marie Hudak Graham in a prepared statement. "Our tree ordinance was designed to protect greenspace as development occurs, and it's unfortunate that a Texas-based interest group is fighting against the Canton community.

"This decision strips our local community of its power to protect valuable natural resources and develop responsibly."

CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, December 1, 2021

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold the following public hearings at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2021** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petitions:

1. BZA-2021-016; Jason Bies, requesting a variance from Section 3.04(a)3b., Accessory Buildings and Structures of the Zoning Ordinance to allow an accessory building to exceed 2,400 SF. A 2,560 SF pole barn is proposed and therefore a variance of 160 SF is requested. The subject property is zoned R-1A, Single-family Residential District and is located at **15880 Huron River Dr.** (Parcel ID #80-121-99-0007-700 - proposed).

2. BZA-2021-017; Royal Farms Gas Station, requesting a variance from Section 14.01(f)(6), Required Off-street Parking Spaces of the Zoning Ordinance to allow 84 parking spaces when up to 51 parking spaces are permitted. The subject property is zoned RC, Regional Center District and is located at **38820 Wick** (Parcel ID #80-039-99-0001-707).

Copies of the applications are available for review at the Department of Public Services during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 21/22-09 - 2022 OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

To comply with Section 6.12 of the Romulus City Charter adopted April 9, 1970 and amended 11/2/2021, the City of Romulus Clerk's Office is seeking twelve month guaranteed rates from qualified newspapers for the physical or virtual printing of all required publications and notices during the calendar year beginning January 1, 2022.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/) and from the City of Romulus Purchasing Department. Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.

(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be sent via e-mail to all vendors on the bidders list or requesting a bid. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form supplied in the bid documents.

(3) A total of two copies (one marked "Original" and one marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted all together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuedsay, November 30, 2021. Bids should be addressed using the Bid package label provided in the ITB documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.

(4) At approximately 3:00 p.m., local time 11/30/2021, all timely received bids will be publically opened and read.

(5) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

(6) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com

(7) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-007

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 58 TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES, SECTION 58-66 AND SECTION 58-67.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Chapter 58 Sections 58-66 and 58-67 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 58-66. Defined.
Requires motor vehicle parking facilities to pay the required parking tax under MCL 207.371 et seq. and for motels or hotels and other establishments offering parking and fly to charge the fair value of parking storage for the parking period use and pay to the State Department of Treasury the parking tax.

Section 58-67. Entrance; exits; paving.
Prior to the issuance of any license, the department of public works and services shall cause an inspection to be made of the proposed parking facility and shall certify that the entrances and exits thereto from the public way have the proper curb cuts, and the space between the sidewalk and curb, where it is adjacent to the concrete roadway, shall be paved with concrete.

ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 1st day of November 2021.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers on the 1st day of November, 2021.

I further certify that the foregoing was published in the Associated Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 11th day of November, 2021.

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC,
Romulus City Clerk

COMPLETE COPY OF ORDINANCE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 11111 WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MI.

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

Introduced: 10-25-2021
Adopted: 11-01-2021
Published Effective: 11-11-2021

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Inkster - Wayne - Westland

Veterans sought for annual holiday meal program

Local veterans have until noon Nov. 17 to register for the 8th Annual Holiday Meals for Wayne Westland Veterans and Active Duty Families program.

The effort is led by Westland Mayor William R. Wild, Wayne Mayor John P. Rhaesa, Wayne-Ford Civic League President Vic Barra, and local elected officials. The program is for veterans and families of active-duty service members. Once registered, recipients will receive a 12-16 pound turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, and heat and serve rolls for a family of six to eight people.

To take advantage of this donation, military veterans or active duty members and families must register by noon on Wednesday, Nov. 17. Register using our online form at https://www.cityofwestland.com/vetmeals or call Wild's office at (734) 467-3200 or Rhaesa's office at (734) 722-2000.

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Completed online forms should be emailed to Wild at mayor@cityofwestland.com or Rhaesa at jrhaesa@cityofwayne.com

Completed forms can also be submitted at either Wayne or Westland city hall building.

Meals will be distributed from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Wayne Ford Civic League.

Special arrangements or delivery options are available for those families needing special assistance. Notify either mayor's office of any special needs at the time of registration. Families who are unable to receive the meal during the scheduled day or hours should contact the Wayne Ford Civic League at (734) 728-5010 for other arrangements.

Applications to join Westland Police Department accepted

The Westland Police Department is seeking a few good men and women interested in a career in law enforcement.

The department recently exhausted the most recent police officer eligibility list with hirings this month and will be starting the process to establish the next hiring eligibility list, police officials said in a prepared statement.

As part of the process, applicants will be required to take the written portion of their testing through EMPCO (http://empco.net/). Applicants should ensure that they meet all the requirements for the Westland position before paying for and taking the written test.

- Applicants must be a citizen of the United States
- Not less than 21 years of age
- High school diploma or GED
- Valid drivers license
- Police academy graduate and MCOLES certified (or certifiable at time of hire), or a law enforcement academy attendee at time of application.

The Westland Police Officers Association signed a four-year collective bargaining agreement on May 5 of 2020. This new contract included major improvements to police officers' benefits, including a top salary of $72,671, with a total compensation package of $87,093. Westland officers have a defined benefit pension plan with a multiplier of 2.25 or an option of a defined contribution plan with employer match. There is a top vacation accrual of 260 hours per year; 18 hours of sick time per month; 15 paid holidays; 72 hours of personal time per year and a bonus of 48 hours of vacation time per year will be added to officers' bank if less than 48 hours of sick time are used in a calendar year.

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The Westland Police Department also offers many different assignments and opportunities for advancement. Officials said. Questions about the union contract or what the department has to offer, can be emailed to recruitment@wlpd.net.

School district holiday help program is seeking donors

The annual SHH! Program at the Family Resource Center is seeking holiday sponsors for students facing extreme circumstances.

Shh! volunteers match sponsors with students who are currently experiencing homelessness, are in foster care placements or are in other disadvantaged situations. Students in the program will receive items that are new to them, which will help them fit in with their peers.

Volunteers at the center said they focus on getting the student a few nice items that are tailored to their tastes and likes, and hopefully lift their spirits in this upcoming holiday season.

The average amount spent on each student is approximately $200, but any amount will be helpful, as we can combine it with other donations, they added.

To donate or sponsor a student send a check or gift card to the Family Resource Center c/o John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette Westland, MI 48185. Please make sure to write "Shh!" in the memo of the check.

Another option is to sponsor and shop for an individual student, center representatives said. A list of items on a student's wish list will be provided by the Family Resource Center.

There is also the option of purchasing item(s) from a pre-selected list of "Must Haves" that many students request. These items are generally $50 or less.

Any donation is a wonderful way for these students to feel like more of their peer group, a Family Resource staff member said. For more information, contact Family Resource Center Specialist Bridget Jarvis at (734) 419-2431 or https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfjjfeOF6zg5a.../viewform

Help wanted

The investigation into an arson that occurred at a shopping complex at Cherry Hill and Inkster roads last month is continuing, according to police. Detectives are seeking help from the public information or an identification of a person of interest seen on surveillance cameras. The fire, determined to have been deliberately set, took place at about 10:40 p.m. Oct. 17. Those providing information can remain anonymous, police said. Those with information can contact Detective Sgt. Shawn Vargo at (313) 819-2866 or crime stoppers of Michigan at 1-800-773-2587.

Waste vouchers available

The City of Wayne Department of Public Works has been provided with 100 vouchers for residents seeking to dispose of certain hazardous waste material.

Vouchers are available up at the Wayne Department of Public Works located at 35200 Forest Ave. Wayne from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. while supplies last. Only one voucher per household will be provided.

Identification to prove residency such as a driver's license or state identification will be required. The hazardous waste voucher is for drop off at the Environmental Recycling Group located at 13040 Merriman Road, Livonia, 48159 and is valid through Dec. 31.

A list of hazardous waste can be found at: http://www.waynecounty.com/.../household-hazardous-waste.

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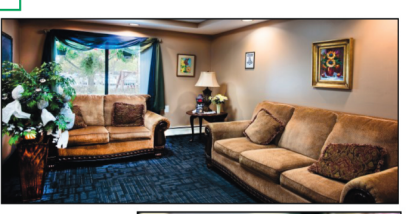

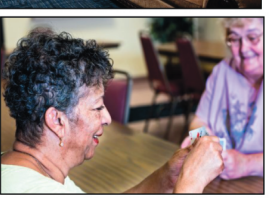

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1. Obituaries

Arthur Everett Dicks, Jr.

Arthur Everett Dicks. Jr., 89 of Howell, passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on Oct. 31, 2021.

Mr. Dicks was born Dec. 25, 1931 in Ann Arbor, the son of Arthur Everett Sr., and Myrtle (Curtis) Dicks. Among his survivors are his wife Janet E. (Arnott); daughter,s Lee Ann (Jack) Fallet and Carol (Bob) Luzynski; grandchildren Robert, Grant and Thomas and his sister. Phyllis Muholland.

Mr. Dicks was predeceased by his sisters, Marlene Ridenour and Bonnie Woodruff and a brother, Barry Dicks.

Mr. Dicks was an Army veteran who served during the Korean Conflict. He was employed for many years as a Marketing Manager for Chevrolet. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and daughters visiting all 50 states and dozens of foreign countries throughout the world. His favorite pastime was spending time at his lakefront home with his children and grandchildren.

A private family memorial service has taken place. He will be interred at Union Udell Cemetery in Ypsilanti. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Howell Nature Center.

Feel free to visit the online guestbook at www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com, MacDonald's Chapel, Howell.

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Planning commission OK's Northville Downs plan

Members of the Northville Planning Commission approved the Planned Unit Development plan for the Northville Downs property by a 7-1 vote Nov. 2.

Representatives of developer Hunter Pasteur Northville, LLC can now submit a preliminary site plan illustrating the proposal to convert the 48-acre Northville Downs racetrack property into residential, commercial and public use. The plans include a total of 481 residential units with 170 townhomes, 56 single-family homes, 53 condominiums, 174 high-end apartments and 28 row houses. The development will include 16,000 to 17,000 feet of commercial space along Cady Street, a daylighted river along with a 9.5-acre park. More than 30 percent of the site, or about 16 acres, will be green space and parks, according to the developer.

To accommodate potential residents, the development will also include 1,381 parking spaces and another 244 parking spaces for public use, including a 17-space parking lot at Cady and Hutton streets.

Photo provided by developer. The illustration depicts a diverse mix of homes on one of the residential streets being proposed for the Downs site as part of the PUD.

As part of the approval, planning commissioners required the developer to submit a current traffic study and city traffic engineering review and recommendations and provide details about the value of benefits to the city and the amount the developer anticipates the city to contribute to fund public benefit. Commissioners also required the developer to address issues including cost of city services for the project and an estimate from the city assessor to determine anticipated tax revenue from the project.

"We were intentional and thorough but a great deal remains to be negotiated. The numbers have been presented for concept as part of the PUD application and are subject to change during the preliminary site plan process," Commission Chair Donna Tinberg said.

On the job

Jason Lawson is the newest member of the Northville Township Police Department. Lawson took his oath of o last week witnessed by friends, family and staff at Northville Township Hall.

Lawson joins the department after eight years with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, where he was a member of the Tether Unit and the Wayne County Sheriff's Honor Guard. He also is an expert on crisis intervention and has trained law enforcement members from around the state as a member of the Detroit Wayne integrated Health Network. Lawson earned his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University where he studied Interracial Communication and Law, as well as Politics in African American Culture.

Surveyors now assessing former hospital buildings

A professional assessment of the asbestos and hazardous materials at the 11 remaining buildings of the former state psychiatric hospital in Northville Township is now under way.

Employees from Fleis & Vandenbrink Consulting were scheduled to begin the work at the Seven Mile Road site Nov. 4 following contract approval by the members of the board of trustees.

The surveys and assessment are being complete in preparation of bidding the demolition to the remaining buildings, township officials said. Demolition is scheduled to being next summer.

Officials reminded the public that the site remains closed to the public due to the hazardous materials within the buildings and the unsafe conditions around the overall property.

Public use and access on the property is strictly prohibited, officials said.

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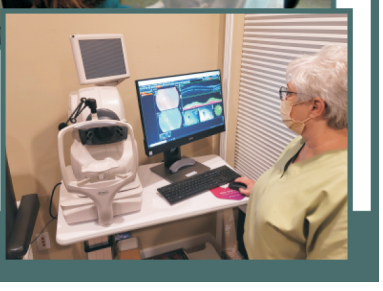

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Tentative plan for former Courthouse Grill discussed

A developer has submitted tentative plans for a 120-unit housing development at the site of the former Courthouse Grill on Plymouth Road.

Tentative plans for the four-story development were discussed during the recent Plymouth Township economic development meeting. The plan which would see the demolition of the 86-year-old building is being proposed by District Capital Detroit. Plans include condominium units, an on-site car wash, a dog park and a dog wash. Founder of District Capital Detroit, Kevin Kovachevich, is a Canton High School graduate and resident of Plymouth.

According to township officials, the developer is not ready to seek township approval and permits. The project would include solar panels which could generate up to 60 percent of the energy use at the 34,250 square-foot building which would be sited at a slight angle to Plymouth Road.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise has stated publicly that the building should be demolished and the property redeveloped as soon as possible. He said earlier this year that the building, which has been vacant for three years, is becoming a dangerous nuisance.

15-year-old arrested in sex assault

Plymouth police have identified and charged a 15-year-old in an attempted sexual assault in downtown Plymouth.

Police reported that surveillance cameras showed that at about 7 p.m. Oct. 30, a male suspect entered the women's lavatory near The Gathering. When a woman entered the building about 20 minutes later, she used a second, unlocked stall in the facility. As she exited the stall, she was attacked, according to police reports, and the assailant attempted to sexually assault her. She fought the attacker off and he fled from the building heading toward Kellogg Park and then toward Union Street.

Police said the victim was physically unharmed in the incident.

The assailant was described as a white male with short brown hair, about 15 to 20 years old.

He is about 5-feet, seven-inches to 5-feet, 10 inches tall weighing about 120 to 140 pounds. He was wearing a black jacket or sweatshirt with long sleeves, dark-colored sweat or jogging pants and black and white tennis shoes. Police declined to say what led to the arrest or how the teen was located but did say he was not from Plymouth.

City fire hydrant flushing continues

Employees from the City of Plymouth Department of Municipal Services will be performing annual, routine hydrant flushing and testing for approximately one month, according to a prepared statement from the city.

During that time, residents could experience lower than normal water pressure and/or discolored water for a brief time. If either of these conditions occurs, residents should run cold water through the tap for several minutes to flush out the plumbing pipes. Discoloration that may occur is due to natural minerals in the water being stirred up in the hydrant flushing process.

The water will remain safe to drink at all times throughout this process, officials stressed.

Questions can be directed to the Municipal Services Department at dms@plymouthmi.gov or (734) 453-7737.

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